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SUBJ: EXCHANGES: STUDENTS OF THE ARTS: CLAUDIA GRAZIANO

REF: AIDE MEMOIRE TO MIN CULT 9/4/74

1. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPT. GUIDANCE ON HANDLING OF GRAZIANO APPLICATION

FOR SECOND YEAR OF STUDY AT BOLSHOI BALLET SCHOOL. FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 74/75 GRAZIANO WAS SUPPORTED BY DEPT. UNDER PARA. 1, SECTION D OF EXCHANGES AGREEMENT, AND EMBASSY REGARDS THIS SECTION OF AGREEMENT AS PROPER MEANS OF AUTHORIZATION FOR GRAZIANO.

2. IN VIEW, HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT'S FIVE NOMINEES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 75/76, EMBASSY UNCERTAIN HOW PROPOSE GRAZIANO, WHO WOULD BE A SIXTH NOMINEE, ESPECIALLY IN REGARD TO SOVIETS' FAILURE TO NOMINATE MORE THAN TWO CANDIDATES FOR 75/76 UNDER THIS EXCHANGE.

3. FYI BEFORE LEAVING JUNE 1 FOR SUMMER VACATION IN U.S., GRAZIANO INFORMED EMBOFF(TAYLOR) THAT SHE HAD RECEIVED HIGHEST POSSIBLE SCORE ON FINAL EXAMS AND THAT GOLVKINA HAD ALREADY COMPLETED MIN CULT

PAPERWORK PROPOSING GRAZIANO FOR SECOND YEAR IN USSR. IN EMBOFF'S OPINION, IT APPEARS GRAZIANO HIGHLY MOTIVATED AND DETERMINED RETURN DESPITE SOME PHYSICAL AND PERSONAL PROBLEMS THIS YEAR. SHE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT YEAR THAT GOLOVKINA INVITATION ORGAINALLY WAS FOR TWO YEARS AND THAT EMBASSY AND

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DEPT. HAD CONCURRED. END FYI IN ABSENCE NOAH PLEASE ADVISE.

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